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LETTER DATED 23 JULY 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SWEDEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to my letter of 20 July 1993 (S/26121), I have the honour to transmit a copy of a letter dated 23 July 1993 from the Chairman-in-Office of the Council of Ministers of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden, to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) as well as a related statement by the Chairman-in-Office.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for these documents to be circulated together as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Lars-Göran ENGFELDT
Ambassador
Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission
of Sweden to the United Nations

Annex I

Letter dated 23 July 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, Chairman of the CSCE Council, addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia

Thank you for your reply to my letter of 17 July 1993. I find it, however, disappointing. I deeply regret your refusal to allow the CSCE missions of long duration in Kosovo, Sandzak and Vojvodina to continue their activities. Because of your decision, those activities will now cease and the mission members will depart in the next few days.

The value of the contribution that the missions have made to peace and stability has been recognized by all concerned, including your own Government. I must underline, therefore, the view of the CSCE that your decision further aggravates the threat to peace and security in the region.

The mandate of the missions stands unaffected by your decision preventing their presence in Kosovo, Sandzak and Vojvodina. The risk of violent developments in these areas of your country, which led the CSCE to establish the missions, remains. This is a matter of grave concern. The CSCE is prepared to have the missions resume their activities when this is again possible.

As you are aware, the basic condition for the gradual readmittance of Serbia and Montenegro to the international community has been defined by the CSCE Council at its Stockholm Meeting. Your decision not to allow the activities of the missions to continue is a further serious setback in your country's relations with the CSCE. I call upon your Government to revoke its course and display its willingness to live up to the norms and principles it has accepted as a CSCE participating State.

I note with concern in this context that your Government appears to have adopted a policy of non-cooperation with the CSCE in other matters as well. It is particularly serious that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) has failed to honour its obligation, in accordance with the Document of the Moscow Meeting of the Conference of the Human Dimension of the CSCE, to receive the CSCE rapporteur mission which the Committee of Senior Officials decided to send to Serbia and Montenegro.

(Signed) Margaretha af UGGLAS
Chairman of the CSCE Council

Annex II

Statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, Chairman of the CSCE Council, of 23 July 1993

The Belgrade Government's decision not to allow the continued functioning of the CSCE Missions in Kosovo, Sandzak and Vojvodina is deeply regrettable. It aggravates the threat to peace and security in the region.

Notwithstanding the unwillingness of the authorities in Belgrade to cooperate, the CSCE will continue to keep the situation in Kosovo, Sandzak and Vojvodina under review. It will continue to focus on the human rights situation in Serbia and Montenegro, in particular in Kosovo, Sandzak and Vojvodina.

The refusal of the Belgrade Government to admit a human rights rapporteur mission is also a matter of grave concern to the CSCE community. It constitutes a violation of a binding commitment under the so-called Moscow mechanism.

The decisions taken by the Government in Belgrade is a further setback in its relations with the CSCE. I call on Belgrade to revoke its course and display its willingness to live up to the norms and principles it has accepted as a CSCE participating State.